

The Parents' Voice



Summer has officially arrived — and while the sunshine may still be playing hide and seek, we're staying hopeful for brighter, sunnier days ahead!

June has been a wonderfully busy month for us here at the Parents Federation. We were proud to be part of Carers Week, celebrating the incredible work of unpaid carers in our communities, and we've hosted a number of events that brought families and carers together to connect, share, and support each other.

As we step into July, we're looking forward to keeping the momentum going with even more events and activities.

Whether you've joined us before or are new to the Federation, we'd love to see you this month — there's always something meaningful (and fun!) happening.

Stay safe, enjoy the summer vibes, and we hope to see you soon!

Newsletter Highlights

Activities

Carer's Week

Carer's Go Free Scheme

V21 Summer Festival

Sex and relationships

ALN Gymnastics

Multi Sport

Barry Beavers

Me Time

Volunteers

Short Breaks

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Bitesize Respite

July Activities



Cardiff

11:30

17th - Pedal Power @



Vale of Glamorgan

23rd - Oyster Catcher Penarth @ 12:30

30th- Brewer's Fayre Barry Island @ 18:30



CARER'S WEEK @ THE PARENTS FED

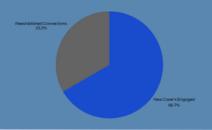


ROUND UP

Carer's week 2025 has been incredibly busy here at the Parent's Federation. From out reach to a picnic in the park we engaged with lots of old and new carers



Carer's Engagement





Key Focus

- Support and guidance
- **T** Flexibility
- re connecting with
- Change of events









Carers Go Free Scheme

If a paying customer wishes to use any of the Leisure Centres in the Vale of Glamorgan or Cardiff International Pool, and has an unpaid carer with them, then the carer can enter for free.

Just go to reception and tell them you a carer. There is no requirement for ID or filling in an application form.

For the purposes of this Scheme the definition of a carer used would be:

'a person who is caring for another who would not be able to use the facilities without them in attendance'

Regarding the swimming pool, an unpaid carer may just need to help the paying Member in and out of the pool and may sit on the side; or they may need their carer to go into the pool with them during a Leisure Swim etc.

The Schemes covers a paying member needing a carer to assist them during any activity offered in Vale Leisure Centres or Cardiff International Pool.





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We'd love to see you. .



Sex & Relationships Survey

Scan this QR code and have your say about accessible information in Sex and Relationships

Scan me!

How to scan:

- Open camera on your phone
- Point camera at QR code and the link will appear





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Sganiwch y cod QR yma a dywedwch eich dweud am wybodaeth hygyrch am Ryw a Pherthnasoedd

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Llanishen Leisure Centre

Tuesday @ 11am	
2" July	Easy Weights
8" July	Baccia
25° July	No Session - Annual Leave
22" July	No Session - Annual Leave
29" July	Chair Zumba
5" August	Hockey
12th August	Уода
19th August	Chair Plates
26" August	Yoga

Wednesday ® 1:30pm	
2" July	No Session - Cancelled
9° July	Variety / Boccia
16 th July	No Session - Annual Leave
23" July	No Session - Annual Leave
30" July	Variety / Boccia
6 th August	Variety / Boccia
13" August	Variety / Boccia
20" August	Variety / Boccia
27" August	Variety / Boccia

For more info contact



























MeTime

Online support sessions for carers

June to July





Monday 2 June and Monday 7th July, 2-3pm: Book Club

Take some time for yourself and connect with fellow carers at our friendly Book Club sessions. This is a space to unwind, chat with like-minded people, and enjoy the joy of getting lost in a good book. New to the group? No problem! Feel free to come along, listen in, and share your favourite reads whenever you're



Monday 9 June, 11am – 12pm: Oil Pastels Workshop

Experiment with oil pastels and have fun creating artwork whilst learning various techniques in a relaxed setting. Artist Lucilla will lead this session, suitable for beginners or experienced artists. Join us in these relaxed online workshops, have a chat or sit back and enjoy getting crafty.



Tuesday 10 June, 11am – 12:30pm: Power of Attorney with Damian Lines

Damian Lines TEP is the Managing Partner at Rubin Lewis O'Brien Solicitors based in Cymbran South Wales. During this session he will share what you will need to know about setting up a Power of Attorney for loved ones.



Thursday 12 June, 1-2pm: Dwr Cymru

Are you a carer or being cared for by someone? Did you know that you may be eligible for a cheaper water bill, and other free support services from Welsh Water. Join Jody on the call to learn something new and get the help that you may be missing out on.



Monday 16 June, 11am-12pm: Mind Body Mood

This interactive session will offer ideas and techniques to improve your mood by understanding the power of the mind to change the way we feel, the way we move, and the way we behave.

We will cover how basic NLP words and phrases can help or hinder the way we feel and why certain words and thoughts can have a greater effect than others.



Thursday June 26th 11:00am - 12:00pm: Caring for a Child

Are you a parent carer? In this session you can find out more about your rights, where to go for support and sources



July 3rd 11:00am - 12:pm: Caring for a Parent

Are you caring for your parent? Join this session with our Information and Advice Officer Nia to find out about your rights as an unpaid carer and sources of information and support.



Tuesday 8 July, 12-1pm: Stretch and Relax

A chair-based stretch and relax session with Carol. This session will gently release tension from the body, particularly shoulders, head and neck. Along with easy breathing exercises to lead into relation. What you'll need: a chair to sit on and a if you have them to hand, a tie, belt or scarf - these will add to the stretch



Thursday 10 July, 1-2pm: Managing Guilt as a Carer

During this session, you can discover ways to gain clarity and empower yourself as a carer to look after you, boosting your health and wellbeing.



Tuesday 15 July 1-2pm: Creative Writing for Wellbeing

Cardiff author Rachel and Creative Producer Chantal will guide you through gentle writing prompts as a way to connect with and explore our relationship to creative writing. The workshop is designed to encourage reflection, mindfulness and creativity.



Tuesday 22 July, 3-4pm: Homefront WWII with National Museum Wales

What was life in Wales like during World War Two? Join this online session to explore World War II related objects with our facilitator. Discover the stories behind them and be inspired to investigate how your local area contributed to the war effort.





Volunteers

Could You Lend a Hand?

We're also seeking volunteers to help organise events—whether it's planning, hosting, or sharing a skill. Every contribution makes a difference!

Get Involved!

s that uplift and empower. Thank you for all you do—we're here to support you.





Funded short breaks for unpaid carers in Wales

Funded by Welsh Government, the Short Breaks Scheme is a new initiative to support unpaid carers of all ages in Wales to take a break from their caring role. A short break is more than just a yoga class or an overnight stay in a hotel, it is a chance for carers to de-stress and recharge. It offers a break from the daily challenges of caring for a family member or friend.

The Short Breaks Scheme was launched in 2022 to support unpaid carers from across Wales to take a much-needed break from their caring responsibilities.

Funded by Welsh Government, the scheme initially runs from 2022-2025. Carers Trust Wales, the national coordinating body of the scheme, provides grants to organisations to enable 30,000 unpaid carers to take a break.

With an overall budget of £9 million, management of the scheme is shared between Carers Trust Wales and seven Regional Partnership Boards. Organisations apply for the funding to deliver the activities.

These short breaks have the power to transform lives, offering vital respite to carers across Wales.

Check out their website below https://www.shortbreaksscheme.wales/









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